

line 18, change "knitting" to --braiding--; and

line 21, change "knitting" to --braiding--.

Page 15, line 1, change "mostouter" to --outermost--;

line 3, change "mostinner" to --innermost--;

line 5, change "knitting" to --braiding--;

line 8, change "knitting" to --braiding--;

line 13, change "mostouter" to --outermost--; and

line 17, change "knitting" to --braiding--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof.

Please amend claims 1-11, 13 and 14 as follows:

1. [(1)] (Amended) Packing comprising [knitting] braiding yarns,

each of said [knitting] braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to [at least one sides of] said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive[s],

a plurality of said [knitting] braiding yarns being put together to form a core member, and

said core member being covered, at the outer periphery thereof, with a braided body of said [knitting] braiding yarns.

~~2. [(2)] (Amended) Packing comprising [knitting] braiding yarns,~~

~~each of said [knitting] braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to [at least one sides of] said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive[s], and~~

~~a plurality of said [knitting] braiding yarns being put together and braided.~~

~~3. [(3)] (Amended) Packing comprising [knitting] braiding yarns,~~

~~each of said [knitting] braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to [at least one sides of] said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesives, and~~

~~a plurality of said [knitting] braiding yarns being [put together and] twisted together.~~

~~4. [(4)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the expanded graphite is a powder having a vermiform shape [~~in the form of caterpillar-like graphite powder~~].~~

~~5. [(5)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the expanded graphite is in the form of a sheet having a narrow width.~~

~~6. [(6)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2, 3, 4 or 5] and wherein each of the [knitting] braiding yarns includes a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to at least one side[s] of said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive[s], and each said [knitting] braiding yarn[s are] being twisted before being bundled together~~

with other braiding yarns to form a packing.

7. [(7)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is made of at least one material selected from the group of organic fibers [such as] consisting of cotton fibers, rayon fibers, phenol fibers, aramid fibers, PBI fibers, PTEF fibers, PPS fibers[,] and PEEK fibers [and the like].

8. [(8)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is made of at least one material selected from the group of inorganic fibers [such as] consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers[,] and ceramic fibers [and the like].

9. [(9)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is made of at least one material selected from the group of metallic line members [such as] consisting of stainless steel, Inconel[,] and Monel [monel] metal [and the like].

10. [(10)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn comprises a composite fiber yarn made of (i) at least one material selected from the group of organic fibers consisting of cotton fibers, rayon fibers, phenol fibers, aramid fibers, PBI fibers, PTEF fibers, PPS fibers and PEEK fibers and (ii) at least one material selected from the group of inorganic fibers consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers and ceramic fibers and at least one material selected from the group of metallic line members consisting of stainless steel, Inconel and

Monel metal.

11. [(11)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn comprises

a fiber yarn [or a composite fiber yarn made of at least one material selected from the inorganic fibers and the metallic line members,

said fiber yarn being] covered[, at the surface thereof,] with short fibers [or composite short fibers made of at least one material selected from the organic fibers].

13. [(13)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn comprises a yarn [as] obtained by twisting together organic fibers and inorganic fibers [or metallic line members].

14. [(14)] (Amended) Packing according to claim 1[, 2 or 3], wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is a yarn [as] obtained by knitting together [the] organic fibers[, the] and inorganic fibers [or the metallic line members].

Please add the following new claims:

16. Packing comprising braiding yarns,
each of said braiding yarns including at least one longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarn and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said at least one reinforcing fiber yarn with adhesive, and

a plurality of said braiding yarns being braided together.

17. Packing according to claim 6, wherein the expanded

graphite is a powder having a vermiform shape.

18. Packing according to claim 6, wherein the expanded graphite is in the form of a sheet having a narrow width.

19. Packing according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn comprises

a composite fiber yarn made of at least one material selected from the group of inorganic fibers consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers and ceramic fibers, and the group of metallic line members consisting of stainless steel, Inconel and Monel metal,

said composite fiber yarn being covered at the surface thereof with composite short fibers made of at least one material selected from the group of organic fibers.

20. Packing according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn comprises a yarn obtained by twisting together organic fibers and metallic line members.

21. Packing according to claim 1, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarn is a yarn obtained by knitting together organic fibers and metallic line fibers.

22. Packing comprising braiding yarns,
each of said braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive,

a plurality of said braiding yarns being put

together to form a core member, and

said core member being covered, at the outer periphery thereof, with a braided body of said braiding yarns, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarns comprise fiber yarns covered, at their surface, with pulp sheet-form.

23. Packing comprising braiding yarns,

each of said braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive, and

a plurality of said braiding yarns being twisted together, wherein the reinforcing fibers yarns comprise fiber yarns covered, at their surface, with pulp sheet-form.

24. Packing comprising braiding yarns,

each of said braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive,

a plurality of said braiding yarns being put together to form a core member, and

said core member being covered, at the outer periphery thereof, with a braided body of said braiding yarns, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarns comprise a plurality of longitudinally arranged inorganic fibers in parallel with one another, and organic fibers entangled with said inorganic fibers so that said inorganic fibers are maintained in parallel with one

another.

25. Packing comprising braiding yarns,
each of said braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive, and

a plurality of said braiding yarns being twisted together, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarns comprise a plurality of longitudinally arranged inorganic fibers in parallel with one another, and organic fibers entangled with said inorganic fibers so that said inorganic fibers are maintained in parallel with one another.

26. Packing comprising braiding yarns,
each of said braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive,

a plurality of said braiding yarns being put together to form a core member, and

said core member being covered, at the outer periphery thereof, with a braided body of said braiding yarn, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarns comprise

composite fiber yarns made of at least one material selected from the group of inorganic fibers consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers and ceramic fibers, and the group of metallic line members consisting of stainless steel, Inconel and Monel

metal,

said composite fiber yarns being covered at the surface thereof with pulp sheet-form.

27. Packing comprising braiding yarns,

each of said braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive, and

a plurality of said braiding yarn being twisted together, wherein the reinforcing fiber yarns comprise

composite fiber yarns made of at least one material selected from the group of inorganic fibers consisting of glass fibers, carbon fibers and ceramic fibers, and the group of metallic line members consisting of stainless steel, Inconel and Monel metal,

said composite fiber yarns being covered at the surface thereof with pulp sheet-form.

28. Packing comprising braiding yarns,

each of said braiding yarns including a plurality of longitudinally arranged reinforcing fiber yarns and expanded graphite integrally bonded to said reinforcing fiber yarns with adhesive,

a plurality of said braiding yarns being put together to form a core member, and

said core member being covered, at the outer periphery thereof, with a braided body of said braiding yarns,